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Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

On behalf of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 49, we appreciate the opportunity to express our support for Senate File 3081 authored by Senators Newman, Jasinski, Dahmns, Weber, and Rarrick. We equally appreciate similar bills authored by Senators Howe and Nelson.

Local 49 is a construction labor union which represents over 14,400 heavy equipment operating engineers, mechanics, and stationary engineers across Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Our members have extensive experience in constructing and maintaining the state's road, highway, and bridge systems.

The state has a historic opportunity to invest in our aging roads. Dedicating the sales tax on auto parts is common sense as well as an investment in the safety of our highways and bridges. Minnesota's success depends on a transportation system that can effectively and efficiently deliver the goods and services your constituents require.

The broad bipartisan support Senate File 3081 received in both the Transportation Finance Committee, as well as the Tax Committee, is evidence that legislators identify the vast unmet transportation needs across the state.

We appreciate your efforts to invest in our state's infrastructure and ask that you support Senate File 3081. Thank you for your time, consideration and work on behalf of the people of Minnesota.

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